



ABOUT US

The idea of a museum to research and document animals in Palestine came from the first Palestinian zoologist, Dr. Sana Atallah, who did research on the mammals of the Eastern Mediterranean region in the 1960s.

Dr. Atallah passed away untimely at the young age of 27. His nephew, Prof. Mazin Qumsiyeh, followed his uncle's passion for nature and established extensive research and teaching in zoology and genetics. After teaching at Yale, Duke, and University of Tennessee, Qumsiyeh returned to Palestine in 2008, and now teaches and does research at Bethlehem and Birzeit Universities.



In June, 2014, with the support of Bethlehem University and initial personal funding, the Palestine Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainability and the Palestine Museum of Natural History were founded to serve as a scientific oasis for catalyzing change.



Today, students, volunteers, donors, and a small museum team are working passionately to build this project—a manifestation of the next chapter of Palestine's history: **one rooted in empowerment, freedom and sustainability.**

*“I hear and I forget,
I see and I remember,
I do and I understand.”*
Chinese proverb

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PALESTINE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

An **OASIS**

for people and wildlife in a place of conflict
and rapid transformation.





MISSION

Research, educate about, and conserve our natural world and Palestinian culture and heritage.



VISION

Empower responsible human interactions with all components of our environment to promote a sustainable ecosystem.



RESEARCH



- Nature conservation
- Biodiversity (fauna and flora)
- Natural history
- Human environmental health
- Organic agriculture

EDUCATION



PMNH educates for environmental stewardship via:

- Science festivals
- Exhibits
- Field trips and nature camps
- Workshops and courses
- Permaculture and recycling

CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY



PMNH continues to develop the following areas:

- Native botanical garden
- Permaculture
- Beekeeping
- Greenhouse
- Aquaponic and hydroponics
- Ecological pond
- Animal rehabilitation

Our motto is RESPECT:
for ourselves, for others,
and for the environment.

